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OUR PASTORAL TEAM

- ♦ Fr. Steve Rosera, Parish Administrator;
- ♦ Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- Deacon Don Roseborough, Baptisms, Bereavement, Funerals, and Homebound Ministry;
- ♦ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Retired;
- Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal of St. Mary's School;
- <u>Sr. Teresa Aparicio, OLVM</u>, and <u>Debbie Garcia</u>,
 Co-Coordinators of Faith Formation;
- ♦ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director; and
- ♦ Ms. Dianne Dragoo, Jesuit Volunteers Liaison.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 9am to 4pm.

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: <u>iccabq.org</u>

MASS SCHEDULE:

- ♦ Monday, Wednesday, & Friday—12:10pm
- ♦ Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 7am
- ♦ First Friday of each month—7am and 12:10pm
- ♦ SUNDAY LITURGIES:
 - ❖ Saturday—4pm;
 - ❖ Sunday—8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (SPANISH).

CONFESSIONS:

- Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon; and
- ❖ By appointment. Call (505) 247-4271 to make an appointment.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

- ♦ February 25 & 26: Renovation Fund
- ♦ March 4 & 5: St. Mary's School
- ♦ March 11 & 12: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Online Giving is available at ICCABQ.org

May They Rest in Peace ~ Let us keep our recently deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers.

⚠ We also pray at this time for the thousands of people who have died in Turkey and Syria from the devastating earthquakes there.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

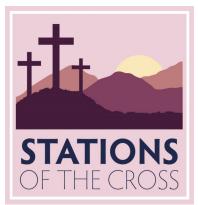
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



On March 3, the 1st Friday of March, we will celebrate the 7am Mass, followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration* from 7:30 until 11:45am Benediction. The regularly scheduled 12:10pm Mass will follow.

Confessions will be heard as usual from 11am to 12noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated every Friday of Lent.



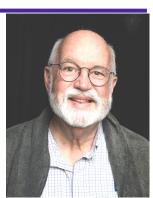
Stations begin at 6pm and will be followed by a supper of soup and bread in the basement Parish Hall.

If you would like to bring a soup item or bread that would be wonderful.

(Just remember, no meat.)

Sunday, March 5 2:30 – 4:30pm

Gregory Joseph Boyle, SJ, founder and director of Homeboy Industries, the largest and most successful gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, will



speak at:

St. John XXIII Catholic Community
4831 Tramway Ridge Dr, NE
SPONSORED BY THE DOMINICAN ECCLESIAL
INSTITUTE (D+E+I)

Our Welcoming Community PotLuck Meal usually is on the 1st Sunday of each month. However in March, we will meet and eat on Sunday, March 12, in the fenced-in patio area between the Church and the Rectory

on the Copper Street side of our facility.

Next Sunday's Readings



The 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 5, 2023

This Sunday's Readings

<u>FIRST READING</u>: *Genesis 12: 1-4a* God promises Abram a great blessing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22* God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of

Peter, James, and John.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



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Saturday, February 25, Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent				
4 pm	+ John Gallegos For the intentions of Cecilia Martinez & Brian Shirley			
Sunday, Fe	ebruary 26, <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>			
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero			
10 am	+ Michael Salata			
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish			
	eb. 27, <u>Monday of the First Week of Lent</u> , ory of Narek, Abbott, Doctor of the Church			
12:10 pm	+ Sal Hernandez+ Nicole Salazar & Ben Garcia+ Heather & Bill Garcia			
Tuesday, Feb. 28, <u>Tuesday of the First Week of Lent</u>				
7 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory			
Wed., Mar	ch 1, Wednesday of the First Week in Lent			
12:10 pm	+ Emiliano & Alex Sanchez			
Thursday,	March 2, Thursday of the First Week in Lent			
7 am	Judy Tresise - Birthday			
Friday, March 3, <u>Friday of the First Week of Lent,</u> Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin				
7 am	For our Bread & Blessing Ministry			
7:30 a.m.	Adoration			
11:45a.m	Benedication			
12:10 pm	+ Samuel Sanchez & Petrita Gallegos ~Birthday's+ Armando & Lois Giannini			
Saturday, March 4, <u>Saturday of the First Week of Lent</u> , Saint Casimir				
7 am	Four our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry			
Saturday, March 4, Vigil of the <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>				
4 pm	+ John Gallegos			
Sunday, February 26, <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>				
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero			
10 am	+ Michael Salata + Arthur Duran ~ Anniversary			
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish			

Using our time, talent, & treasure to serve God and neighbor.

Upcoming Events

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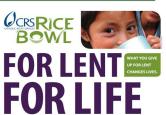
MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCH
Thursday, March 16
Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month ~ that's
Thursday, March 16, this month.
We meet at the Sawmill Market

(1909 Bellamah Ave NW). We try to meet in the center of the building around 11:30am.

Come join us. All are welcome. It's fun and the food is good -- you can choose from many restaurants.



A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our



relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u> to learn more.

February 22, 2023

ARRUPE NAMES FR. MARCUS FRYER
NEXT PRINCIPAL

Arrupe Jesuit High School is thrilled to announce that Father Marcus C. Fryer, SJ, will assume the role as the new principal of Arrupe Jesuit High School, once the school's current Principal, Fr. John Nugent, SJ, finishes his term at the

conclusion of the current academic year. Fr. Fryer is the third principal in the school's history.

Fr. Fryer is a native of Missouri City, Texas and a product of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston, where he first felt the call to priesthood during a retreat in his junior year. He joined the Society of Jesus in 2006 and was ordained a priest in 2017.

In his new role as principal, Fr. Fryer will continue to build on the strong foundation laid by his predecessors, and work closely with the faculty and staff to provide the best possible education to the students of Arrupe Jesuit High School. He is excited to be part of a community that values the Jesuit tradition of educating the whole person and empowering young people to make a positive impact in the world.



Fr. J. Patrick Hough, SJ

In April of 2019, the U.S. Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus ("UCS Province") was contacted by attorneys representing a person claiming to have been repeatedly sexually abused in 2011 at age 17 by Fr.

J. Patrick Hough, SJ, a member of the UCS Province. Father Hough categorically denied the allegations.

The UCS Province investigated the facts alleged and based on objective information obtained from witnesses, fully supported Fr. Hough's denial. Province leadership committed to work to defend Fr. Hough's good name.

Subsequent to contacting the province, the claimant filed a lawsuit against the province based upon the alleged abuse. Until the matter was resolved, Fr. Hough did not engage in public ministry.

The lawsuit against the province was dismissed with prejudice because the Plaintiff now admits that he misidentified Fr. Hough. The judge in the case signed the order of dismissal on February 21, 2023.

For more information, go to https://www.jesuitscentralsouthern.org/press-release/

Ongoing Activities

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Classes run from 11:15am to 12:15pm each Sunday following the 10am Mass. Remember that attendance at Mass is an important part of the catechism.

Weekend conversation starter --

NAMETAGS. Look for the nametag tables as you enter the church for your weekend Mass. As a way of inviting a conversation with a stranger, put your first name on a nametag.

After the 10am mass, we will use a TED talk to help start conversations once you've grabbed your coffee or tea. Each week a TED talk will be chosen by parishioners for the following Sunday. You will receive an email about the selection if you currently are receiving the parish

bulletin by email. Watch the TED talk ahead of time, or watch it with your coffee after Mass. Then join in the conversation.





BAPTISMS are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month.

Please call the Parish Office, 505-247-4271 and ask for Deacon Don for more information.

GET HELP IN VIOLENT SITUATIONS The Albuquerque Family Advocacy CENTER provides victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence that destroys families. The Center is open 8am to 5pm weekdays.

Staff can be reached 24 hours a day at 505-243-3333. The website is www.cabq.gov/albuquerque-familyadvocacy-center and it lists many more resources.

Dial 988: Help & Hope in New Mexico The 24/7 Lifeline for Emotional, Mental, or **Substance Misuse Support**

AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, meets every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the Rectory.

You are welcome to join us at any time.

We are using LTP's At Home with the Word, 2023.

Copies of the book are available in the Parish Office for \$15 each. All are welcome.

BOOK READING GROUP

The Book Reading Group meets Wednesdays, 6pm to 7pm. On January 4, we will begin to read Thomas Merton's The Seven Storey Mountain.

The Seven Storey Mountain tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man, who at the age of twenty-six, takes vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks.

At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it.

At the abbey, he wrote this extraordinary testament, a unique spiritual autobiography that has been recognized as one of the most influential religious works of our time. Translated into more than twenty languages, it has touched millions of lives." (Amazon.com).

The book can be purchased from booksellers or borrowed from your local library. It is available in hardcover, paper, and in electronic format (Kindle, Audible, etc.).

If you are or know of any person living within our parish boundaries who needs any rent or utility assistance, please have them contact our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul through the Parish Office or email iccabqsvdp@gmail.com.

SSVDP assistance is available to everyone in need. They do not need to be registered parishioners or Catholic to qualify.

St. Vincent de Paul ASSISTANCE · SHELTER · HOPE

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Weekly Financial Report for the week of January 12— February 19, 2023:

Income Including Online Giving	
Weekly Collection	7,877.00
St. Mary's School	39.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	82.00
Rejuvenation Fund	686.00
Bread & Blessings	281.00
Francis House and Trinity House	1,115.00
Ash Wednesday, Christmas, Immaculate	
Conception, Black & Indian Missions	877.00
Office, Masses, Candles, Flowers,	
Religious Ed., & ACA Rebate, CRS	1,288.22
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,245.22

Expenses		
Liturgy and Worship		649.02
Religious Education		1,901.05
School Support		3,166.67
Clergy Administration		1,081.97
Parish Administration		3,367.48
Building and Land Operations:		5,159.71
Church Building		00.00
Total Expenses:	\$	15,325.90

Office Depot contributes 5% of your purchase to a local school of your choice whenever you shop with them.
St. Mary's' School ID with Office **Office DEPOT**.

Depot is 70068725.



Burning of the Palms

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, St. Mary's School students brought in the palms given to them at last year's Palm Sunday Mass. These palms were then burned for use on Ash Wednesday. Since the students were able to watch their own palms burn to ashes, they felt a greater connection and understanding when they received ashes at the Mass.

Father Steve also led us in a good-bye to the Alleluia as it was buried in a very special box. But before that happened the students gleefully shouted "Yes, Jesus, Alleluia," which for certain could be heard across the entirety of downtown.

Thank you Father Steve for such a meaningful service!

~~Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner











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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed before each weekend mass to encourage those attending mass to make a nametag for themselves so we can get to know each other.



For more information or to volunteer, contact Patrick O'Meara, pomearanm@gmail.com

Francis House Catholic **Worker** is in need of REGULAR VOLUNTEERS AND SUBS whom we can call when



our regulars can't come. Please, please consider being a regular or a sub or an occasional donor to do any of the following:

- * make 60 sandwiches or make a big soup (talk with Linda for details: 505-515-6241);
- make cookies:
- bring fresh fruit;
- package bread, crackers, and other offerings;
- amend our supply of gloves and beanies;
- come at 8:30am for a few hours:
- raid your closet for warm coats, men's belts, gently used shoes, and jeans/sweats;
- ❖ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER; and
- also: cash or a tax-free donation using the following URL (our expenses have gone up like yours). https://www.osvhub.com/iccaba/giving/ funds/francis-house-catholic-worker

We are grateful as always for your companionship on this journey!

~~Linda (lbluejav46@yahoo.com)

~~and Glenn (gmrosendale@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEER PARISH POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~~

Videographers Needed. If you are interested in



helping to stream, the 10am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses, please let Fr. Steve know by calling the Parish Office at 505-247-4271 or by email at srosera@iccabq.org.

Streaming the Mass is fairly easy, and most of the setup is already in place. The work involves redirecting the camera during the Mass so that it focuses on the action taking place. This is a volunteer position.

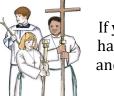


ART WORK, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, STATUES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!! It's all beautiful and meaningful. ICC wants to share this with others in ABQ by offering periodic tours of our sacred place of worship.

Are you, or do you know someone, that would be interested in sharing ICC's treasures with the public? If so, contact Joan at jwierzba@comcast.net. We will work together to create a program for many to enjoy. (This may become a stipended position.)



ALTAR SERVERS



If you are in the 4th grade or older and have made your First Holy Communion and you would like to be an altar server then, WE NEED YOU!

We especially need altar servers at the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 8am Mass Please contact Fr. Steve through the Parish Office or at srosera@iccabq.org. Thank you.



St. Benedict Joseph Labre Ministry serves the homeless and others in need with care packages that you and other parishioners can hand out from your vehicle when you encounter a person asking for money. We ask your help to:

- ♦ Create or provide supplies for the care packages;
- ♦ Make the care packages;
- ♦ Take the care packages with you at the end of your Sunday mass so you may hand them out.

Commonly needed items are: Protein bars, Granola, breakfast bars, snack bags of nuts, water cartons (for environmental purposes), toothpaste, toothbrushes, Personal Cleansing Cloths, Woman's personal hygiene products, Chap stick, Socks (for winter), Gloves (for winter), hand lotion, anything that can be placed in a 1-gallon zip lock bag, so long as it is not bulky; and 1-gallon zip lock bags.

For information, call Phyllis Ortiz at 505-231-5902.

The 2023 Fiesta Planning Committee has begun meeting. Please join us, if you would like to be a participant on this committee. Contact Chairperson Kathleen Sandoval through the Parish Office.

Our Fiesta will happen on Saturday, June 10.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.





WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN
SEASON

On February 22, we celebrated Ash Wednesday with four Masses, each with the distribution of ashes.

This photo by Michelle Rusk shows the holy water to bless the ashes, the bowls of ashes, and packets of ashes to take to the homebound.





PAID INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development's (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approximately 18-20 hours/week, \$16/hour for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Working to End Poverty and Injustice
in the United States

The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development, and Catholic social teaching. The applicant must be Catholic, have leadership experience, community service experience, and effective writing, communication, and computer skills. Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) candidates preferred.

An openness to the CCHD values of solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic social teaching is essential. CCHD has particular interest in helping low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations.

Applications can be requested by e-mail at aavellone@archdiosf.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life for more information, (505) 831-8167. Applications must be received by March 24, 2023. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity!

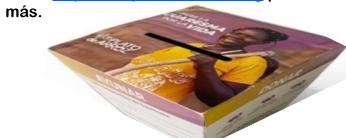
LA CATEQUESIS

Las clases religiosas se reanudarán el domingo 8 de enero de 2023, de las 11:15-12:15 antes de la misa. Recordatorio que la asistencia a la misa es importante y parte del catecismo

UN TIEMPO PARA IR MÁS DESPACIO

Durante este tiempo santo, nos proponemos ir más despacio para poner más atención a nuestra relación con Dios, con el prójimo y con nuestro planeta. Reflexiona sobre cómo los pilares de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna pueden guiar tu camino para una experiencia cuaresmal más enriquecedora. ¿Cómo puede la práctica de estos pilares ayudarte a vivir en solidaridad con nuestros hermanos de todo el mundo?

Visita https://crsplatodearroz.org para saber



Las pláticas para el Sacramento del Bautismo son cand Segundo doningo de mes. Favor de contractor al la Hermana Teresa para mas información



Las Familias que necesitan informacion para recibir los Sacrementos de:

Baptismo, Confirmacion, Primera Comunion. O, para otra informacion favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia de los mananas: O, llamar Sister Teresa Aparicio at 505-249-2781

> AYUDA DISPONIBLE, hable con alguien hoy. No está solo.

CADENA NACIONAL DE PREVENCION DEL SUICIDIO Abierta por 24 horas al dia en espanol e ingles. APRENDA MÁS ~ 988

A partir del 16 de julio, los estadounidenses podrán llamar o enviar mensajes de texto a un nuevo número de teléfono, 988, si sienten que están experimentando una crisis de salud mental y/o corren el riesgo de suicidarse.

Bautismos son cada segundo domingo del mes. Por favor marque a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el diacono Don (505) 247-4271 o hable con la hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781

Gracias a las familias que proporcionaron la comida del convivio del domingo pasado. Los invitamos a que participen en el grupo. Nuestra misión es crear comunidad – ser una iglesia sinodal y convivir con las familias de todas las misas de la parroquia.



Teresa Pena es parte del comité organizador para la fiesta de la parroquia que será en el mes de junio. Las familias de la misa de las 12:30 se comprometieron a

preparar los puestos de comida. Se planea tener flautas, enchiladas, aguas frescas y menudo. Sánchez Tacos Food Truck estará donando la comida y su tiempo de 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. (toda la comida que se venda será donada a la parroquia). Agradecemos su generosidad.

Este mes nos reuniremos y comeremos el domingo 12 de marzo.

Si tiene conocimiento de cualquier persona que viva dentro de los límites de la parroquia que tenga necesidad de asistencia para pagar utilidades o renta, indique que se comuniquen con The St. Vincent de Paul Clearinghouse al tel 505 346-1500. La ayuda de SVDP



esta disponible a todos aquellos que tengan necesidad. No es necesario ser miembro de la parroquia, o católicao para obtener dicha ayuda.

Lineas de Crisis en Nuevo México 1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474) nmcrisisline.com